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ALMA

On October 6, V. R. Father Zacheus Maher bid farewell to Alma and the splendid work he has accomplished for the California Theologate. Father Assistant was the guest of honor of the theologians, and officiated at the blessing of the beautiful marble statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph which grace the Alma Chapel. Present at this solemn ceremony was the benefactress who so generously donated the statue of the Blessed Virgin; the donor of St. Joseph's statue was unavoidably absent. The theologians tended a special farewell dinner to Father Assistant at which he responded to the toast of the theologians, a fitting climax of a memorable day.

Mr. Bernard Sheerin, after an emergency appendectomy operation on September 30, returned to Alma and is recuperating rapidly.

During the year six Solemn High Masses will be celebrated at Alma at which the Fourth Year Fathers will officiate. The first one was on the feast of Christ the King.

At the meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association in San Francisco, Father Francis Sheerin was Deacon at the Solemn High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, October 25. On the following day he discussed "Ethics and Religion," the paper of Rev. Charles R. Baschab, Ph. D., Professor of Philosophy Dominican College, San Rafael.

After ten days' rest at Santa Clara, Father William Donnelly resumed his work at Alma.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

In the reception tendered Rev. Father Maher on the eve of his departure for Rome, sincere expressions of felicitation keynoted the addresses of the Student Body President, Professor Bernard of the lay faculty, Father Russell of the clerical faculty, and Father Rector. The response of Rev. Father Maher was in his wonted inspiring vein. On this occasion Father Provincial paid his first visit to the school and was introduced to the faculty and students.

Father Duce has been honored by the appointment to the Presidency of the Association of Universities and Colleges of the Pacific Southwest. This organization includes the majority of the state, denominational and private educational institutions of Southern California and Arizona.

As Western representative on the Committee on By-Laws of the National Catholic Educational Association, Father Duce attended a meeting in South Bend, Indiana.

The Extension School of Social Science and Commercial Science has been successfully inaugurated.

Father Vaughan has been named to succeed Bishop Lucey as Diocesan Director of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

The first edition of Father Vaughan's Syllabus of Scholastic Philosophy has been exhausted. A new edition is in preparation to meet the demand which is coming in especially from our eastern colleges.

Father Vaughan will attend the meeting of the Province Committee on Communism.

Father White will replace Father Vaughan for one talk on November 3, over KNX station on Sunday at 5:30 p. m.

Father Lyons represented Loyola at the Horace Festival at Berkeley.

Father C. Leahy in a talk to the community, outlined the program of the Society against the menace of Communism.

Father Hubbard gave his lecture sponsored by the University, "The Birth of an Iceberg" in the Wilshire-Ebell Theatre.

The total registration for the University is 586. At Del Rey 385 are in attendance, 129 in Law, 72 in the Extension School.

LOYOLA HIGH

On October 11, Bishop Cantwell and Father Provincial were among the honored guests at a farewell banquet for Father Assistant.

A special banquet, attended by the members of the community and high school lay faculty, was tendered Father Rector on St. Edward's day.

The raffle for the school paper, the Loyalist, promises it another successful year. The returns for the ticket sale are far above last year's.

Promoted by Father Fox, "Honest Lady," by W. A. Sleeper, was presented in October by the Loyola High School Little Theatre. This is the players second season and eighth production.

The non-recess in the morning is being further discussed and may be discontinued soon.

The number and increasing importance of the school activities speaks well for the inauguration of the Activity Period to meet the demand for specified time for extra-curriculars. The Radio, Aero and Stamp Clubs are functioning impressively; and the surprising turnout for debating this semester, particularly in the lower classes, promises a good future for forensics. The Senior Debating Society, through the activity of Mr. Mouat has gained admission into the Southern California Debating League, and will therefore compete with leading Los Angeles high schools, with the possibility of a state championship.

A lecture was given the Student Body Mr. Cox of the L. A. Power Co. on the future of Boulder Dam.

LOS GATOS

Brother James Mara pronounced his First Vows on the Feast of the North American Martyrs. He had the unusual privilege of having the newly appointed American Assistant, Father Maher as celebrant to receive his vows.

On the same visit, Father Assistant gave a final talk to the Juniors in the form of a General Recreation. As a last message he stressed the importance of co-operation within the Province and within the Society.

With final talks in order "old" Pater Magister said farewell to the Novices and Juniors on the afternoon and evening of the day of his appointment to the office of Provincial.

A preview of Father Hubbard's current picture was projected with a most interesting running commentary by him on October 6. It is titled with the usual attractive name, "The Ice Inferno."

On October 9, Father James Malone, Rector of Alma, delivered the last of a series of three lectures on Dante. This final evening was spent in readings from the Divina Commedia and other of the poet's works.

Father Edward Shipsey, Professor of English at Santa Clara, lectured on the background of Literary Criticism, on October 12. He gave a new basis of judgment by tracing all literary thought to three fonts, Jerusalem, Athens and Rome.

Father Daniel O'Connell, S. J., general prefect of studies for the Assistancy, made his second visit on October 16. He gave a brief lecture to the Juniors.

The Lourdes grotto on Via Della Strada is completed. The statue of Our Lady was raised on October 16, and there remains now but the insertion of the altar within the shrine.

Taken by a slight heart attack on Sunday, October 20, Brother Joseph Gomez has been removed to the hospital at San Jose. He is out of any immediate danger.

SANTA BARBARA

Father Maginnis spoke before the Lions' Club on problems in Boy Guidance. Father De Rop addressed the Kiwanians of Ventura on The Early Spanish Explorers of California. He represented the parish at an interdenominational peace meeting. He also spoke at the civic banquet commemorating the sixty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Congregational Church in Santa Barbara. Father Bassett gave an illustrated lecture on the German Cathedrals to a group of students.

A six foot lattice fence has been built around our "back yard" largely through the kindness of Mr. Knapp, our millionaire neighbor. The new lawn with its background of hedge, adds much to the beauty of the church surroundings.

BELLARMINE PREP

Fr. McCann conducted the public novena preparatory to the feast of St. Theresa at the Carmelite monastery chapel in Santa Clara. Fr. John Connolly directed the students' retreat.

Three sodalists are instructing three fellow students for their first communion.

Mr. Bernard Wiesinger, who graduated cum laude from U. S. F. in '34 and did a year of graduate work in history and education at U. of Calif., has been engaged to succeed Mr. Carl Schmidt, transferred to Fr. Lloyd Burns' place at St. Ignatius.

The Italian dads of the Dads' Club staged a very successful "Italian Night" at the last meeting. German Night, Irish Night, etc. will follow.

At the regular monthly assembly a Columbus Day program was presented, featuring the missionary spirit of Columbus and of the missionaries who followed his initiative. The Missions Committee of the Sodality conducted the affair, directed by Mr. Gerald Fader and Mr. Hensey. Fr. Gerald Leahy is moderator of these assemblies.

October 18, Bellarmine turned in its time worn Nash for a new Dodge. In less than an hour we took out insurance; in less than two hours the car was sent to the hospital by a speeding roadster which side-swiped into it and spun it around, messing up its fair exterior. No one was hurt physically. In less than three hours we learned that the turned-in Nash, being driven to the used-car lot, had hardly gone a block when its rear axle snapped.

SAN FRANCISCO

The high school retreat was held in the church, October 1-3. It was given to the 680 students by Father Joseph King, who at its conclusion was informed over the telephone that he had been appointed Master of Novices.

Father Joseph Crowley conducted the retreat for the 700 college men, Oct. 7-9.

Father Clark has been assigned to care for the spiritual needs of the prisoners at Alcatraz where he goes every other Sunday. He says Mass every Sunday at Angel Island, the immigration station of the port.

A great number of distinguished persons attended the funeral of Vincent Butler in St. Ignatius Church on October 9. V. R. Zacheus Maher preached a short sermon. St. Edward's was too small to accommodate so large a funeral.

Father Rector gave the talks for the Forty Hours at St. Vincent de Paul church.

Father Crowley gave the triduum for Christ the King at St. Ignatius.

Following Father Joseph King's appointment as Master of Novices, Father Lloyd Burns took his place as a teacher at Los Gatos. Mr. Schmidt came from Bellarmine to replace Father Burns.

Recently U. S. F. Law School received the formal approbation of the American Bar Association.

On October 5, the Family Club was the scene of a banquet in honor of V. R. Zacheus Maher, given him by his fellow graduates of the class of 1900. Father Woods gave a stirring tribute to Vincent Butler who had met his death the night before and who was a pupil of Father Assistant.

In October the community played host to the ushers of St. Ignatius Church at a dinner in the house refectory.

The College Players put on their first production of the year, October 16-18. "The First Year" is an amusing story of waning romance in the first year of married life, at which a large audience laughed its satisfaction each night.

The Alumni Banquet of October 23 was held at the Palace Hotel in honor of Archbishop Mitty. Father Provincial was present.

St. Ignatius High School has installed the R. O. T. C. for the first time. Although the equipment has not arrived, the boys are drilling. It is required of second high. Another year will be added next year.

CHINA

Gonzaga High ended with 175 pupils. It has opened for the new year with 100 new students. The total is 224 of whom 198 are Chinese. No new foreign boys were admitted for first year high, eventually only Chinese boys will be in the school. There are 64 boarders who so cram the dormitory that there is no room for even one more bed. Several prospective boarders are on the waiting list. These facts and figures show what a successful school Gonzaga High has made of itself.

Father Simons' address is: Catholic Mission, Shuyang, Ku, China. Unfortunately this information came too late for insertion in the catalogue.

In the last two weeks of September half of Father's territory, 30 miles by 40, was under water. In the elevated villages the water reached the waist; the mud houses all crumble away. In early October he received his first band of refugees, 14 mouths to feed. A boat load of 20 or 30 was expected to follow shortly. On October 3 the waters had not yet stopped rising, neither had prices for foodstuffs.

Father pleads for a few men to come over and help the missionary work in China.

VARIA

Father Huesman did the unusual, arriving a day too soon for the opening of tertianship at Karnten, Austria. There are 22 tertians, from different Provinces, only one of them speaks english. Long Retreat began September 29.

In Los Angeles the Knights of Columbus have petitioned to be allowed to start a new Council, to be known as Joseph A. Sullivan Council, in memory of the late Father Sullivan.

Things are looking bright at Phoenix, there is hope of securing some of the territory nearer town as part of the parish.

Father Crowley is signed up to give the Novena of Grace for Salt Lake, and also for the diocesan retreat at Reno next spring.

The Long Retreat starts November 6; Father Provincial gives it.

Santa Clara is rightly rejoiced over the 100% success of its Law students in the recent Bar Examination. Five took and passed the examination.

Father Henry was taken ill and had to return to Los Angeles for treatment.

A FAVOR

The mother and brother of Brother Armstrong met their death in September in an auto accident. Mrs. Armstrong died instantly, but Harold lived for a few short hours. A passerby had them brought to a hospital. When the priest came, called because the attendants found a pair of beads in Harold's pocket, Harold came to long enough to make his confession. The priest then went out, but the doctor told him if there was anything else to do, it had best be done at once. The injured man was anointed, and assisted the priest with the prayers. Unconsciousness followed, and then death.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

Father Lord addressed the scholastics on October 10, on the Sodality. Father Mooney, C. S. C. addressed them on C. Y. O. work. Both had come to Spokane for the Regional Catholic Action Conference, at which Archbishop Howard, and five Bishops were present.

Father Keep, removed from his position as Superior in Portland to become Spiritual Father at the Mount, took office on October 11.

Church and State are being discussed this year in the Philosophical Academy. Mr. Walter Schmidt gave the October paper.

RETREATS

Father C. Leahy, 30 Nurses, Mercy Hospital, San Diego, September 20-24. Father Gleeson, 18 Carmelites, Carmel, October.

Father Laherty, 300 Notre Dame High, San Jose, October 14-18.

Father Franchi, a week's Mission at Point Reyes, first week in October. English and Italian were used. Short services were also given twice a day at Nicasio, Bolinas, and Lagunitas.

DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Fr. Michael Meyer, October 23, Port Townsend.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Margaret and Harold Armstrong, mother and brother of Brother Armstrong.

Vincent K. Butler, brother of Father Ray Butler.